

Flying News From 'K' Field

Out district now has a real flying sheriff, our Constable, Jack Cones soloed last week and then on Tuesday took his first dual cross-country flight to Banning and San Bernardino. Returning from the latter city, Jack and "Put" came through the mountains at 8,000 feet elevation. They said it was mighty rugged country beneath them and lots of snow.

Interest in flying keeps up at an accelerated pace and visitors to the field have been numerous. Mr. Gray, owner of the Royal Palms Hotel in Palm Springs, has a new Piper Cub and dropped in Sunday to look over the desert and to try out his new wings. Messrs. Olson and Hague of Klamath Falls, Oregon, vacationing here, were out Sunday and flew around in the Cub in order to get a better look at the desert.

Sunday visitors from the city were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Thompson, Eleanor McCarty, Bill Helling and Wally Nugent. Bill Helling is just back from China where he was flying a C-47 for the China National Airways. It was the first time he had handled a light plane in several years and said he got a real thrill from it.

Ralph King of Twentynine Palms started his flying training this week.

Tuesday afternoon R. H. Parker, R. L. Frohman and Wally Wiberg of the California Soaring School in San Diego, flew up in their Stearman Township with their Pratt Reed Sail Plane in tow for the weekend. They were an hour and 55 minutes in the air. The San Diego Glider Club was expected in with their sail planes later in the afternoon, all in the expectation of a pleasant week-end sailing around on our desert currents.

JOSHUA TREE APPEALS

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Bagley of Los Angeles just motored up from Palm Springs Sunday, where they have been wintering, for the purpose of looking us over for the first time. It was a case of love at first sight for they fell in love with our town and our desert, bought themselves a lot, left orders with the Moninger Draughting Service for a neat little bungalow and went away happy,—all in one afternoon.

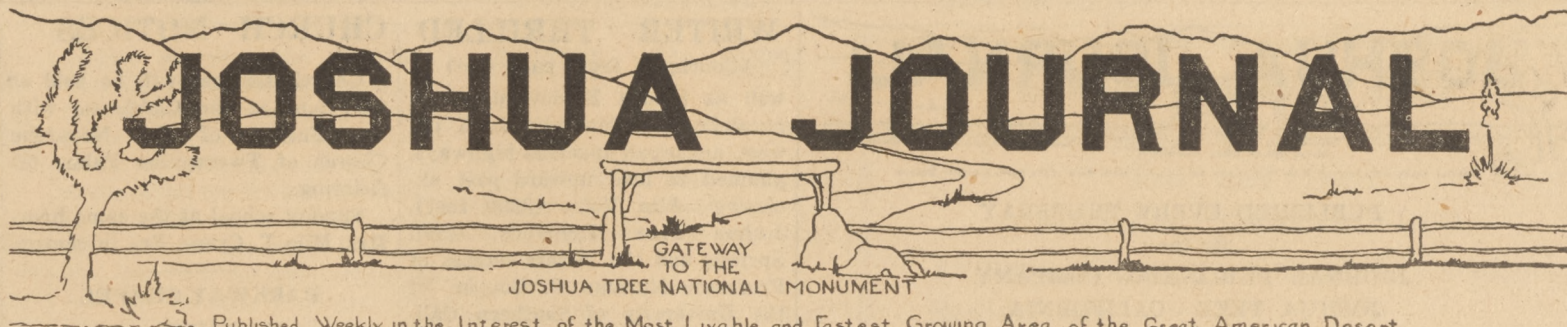
HOLEMANS CAME AGAIN

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Holeman of Pasadena came back this week for their second visit in Joshua Tree and to extend New Year's greetings.

Mr. Holeman, who is a realtor in Pasadena, complimented our town highly, on the fine growth it is making.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS LOCATE HERE

A. E. Gleaves of Riverside and Hugh M. Marble of Los Angeles, both electrical contractors in their respective locations, have joined forces and moved to Joshua Tree to enter the contracting business here. They will be known as the Joshua Tree Electrical Shop, and have leased the new building on the Highway next to the Desert



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Yucca Valley Subdivision Project

Orange County Group

Developing Property

An important new development in Yucca Valley, to be known as Yucca Village, is the project of a group of people living in Newport, Balboa, and Santa Ana.

Heading the group are Fred A. Storey of Santa Ana and Guy H. Richards of Orange. Mr. Storey and Richards, who are real estate brokers in their respective towns, are the subdividers and sales agents for the new project and will move on to the tract as soon as their new office building is completed.

The tract includes about 1300 acres and is directly across the highway from the Yucca Valley store. It is being laid out with a portion dedicated to business along the highway and in small

residence lots and larger 'estate' lots, with streets and water to all parts of the tract, also with moderate but adequate building restrictions.

According to Fred Storey, they now have a 400 ft. deep well which they assert is capable of producing 300,000 gallons of water every 24 hours. They say, however, they are going to put down at least two additional wells to insure an ample supply of water.

An interesting part of the development is that on the north part of section 11, they are planning an airport and they brought along Lt. R. E. Tanner of the U. S. Marine Corp, who is interested in the airport and says he will probably establish a flight training

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U. S. HIGHWAY ENGINEER HERE

James C. Bowman, U. S. Highway engineer with the Public Roads Administration, came out Wednesday, January 16, with Steve Moninger to see our town.

THE JOSHUA TREE NATIONAL MONUMENT AND ITS BEAUTY AND CHARM DESCRIBED MARVELS AT THE PANORAMA, CLIMATE

By Col. E. B. Moore

Soldier — World Traveler — Writer

The time is not far off when tourists from all over the country will come to Joshua Tree to experience the wonderful, healthful climate; to look over the surrounding scenery, and to travel and wander through the Joshua Tree National Monument. Many of course, will remain, making the enjoyable Desert their home.

As I stood under the century-old Joshua Tree that stands in the middle of Park Boulevard leading upward through the town to the National Monument, I could but marvel at the view on all sides. North, south, east and west,—in every direction,—the horizon is interesting and enticing. My! What views.

Far to the west, hundreds of miles, this January day, were the snow-capped peaks, glistening in the Desert sunshine. Crest after crest, valley after valley, could be seen loaded down with smooth, recently heavy-fallen snow. Here at Joshua Tree a thermometer on the wall nearby, though, registered 88 degrees Fahrenheit. Bright sunshine was everywhere, with not a cloud in the clear blue sky over this booming—three thousand foot above sea-level—town.

I wonder if the people of Joshua Tree Townsite fully appreciate how fortunate they are to live, so healthfully, so comfortably, and so closely to such grand environments.

Park Boulevard, running north and south through Joshua Tree, as

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JOSHUA TREE WOMEN'S CLUB

MAUDE A. FOX, Publicity

The highlight of the Friday afternoon meeting of the Woman's Club was a talk on water colors by Artist H. Victor Law. Mr. Law was introduced by Mrs. Alice Powell Beckford, who had charge of the afternoon program.

Mr. Law illustrated his talk with his own paintings. Many of these were painted right here on this desert. This well-known painter in his own pleasant way told anecdotes in connection with the painting of a number of the scenes.

President Julia Overbay thanked Mr. Law and his able assistant, Mrs. Law, for their kind co-operation in bringing the beautiful water colors to the meeting. Appreciation was also expressed to Mrs. Beckford for their efforts in procuring the program.

It was announced by Mrs. Overbay that two vacancies on the Board had been filled. These two new officers are: Mrs. Juanita Wagner, general curator, and Mrs. Bernice Crane, chairman of Welfare and Public Relations.

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TOWNSITE CO. ENLARGES OFFICES

The Joshua Tree Townsite Company and the Bunker Land Company have enlarged their Los Angeles offices and now occupy practically the entire east wing on the fifth floor of the Rives-Strong building.

They have their own telephone switchboard and three trunk lines.

An Escrow department has been installed under the supervision of H. G. Schroeder, who for 10 years was with the Bank of America.

Two new bookkeepers have been added to the staff.

According to Chester R. Bunker interest in the desert and response to their advertising is so great that enlarged quarters and additional telephone facilities were necessary, and addition of the escrow department under Mr. Schroeder will greatly expedite the large amount of paper work involved.

Below Building Begun

Workmen broke ground for the Below building Monday.

The building is of Aztec Indian design and will provide residence for the owners, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Below as well as an attractive dining room in which they will serve spaghetti dinners with fine wines.

According to Mr. Below, they expect to have the building completed and open the dining room about March 10.

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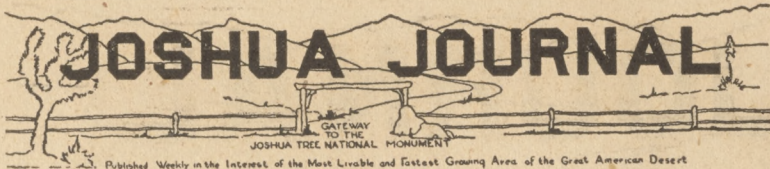
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There are many plants and shrubs not native here that can be planted and will do well, but there is none more beautiful than the native desert plants you find on your lot. Practically all are flowering. Plan your landscaping and planting to save as many of these native plants as possible, and in selecting new shrubs and flowering plants, pick out those that fit best into the desert. Some shrubs and some plants by their very nature do not fit into the desert landscape, others do.

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well as Sunset Boulevard, which parallels it a few blocks to the west, are broad spacious highways, planned to lead upward past exclusive Alta Vista (3300 feet), Joshua Tree Highlands, Quail Springs and the Desert estates of Professor Norman C. Cooper, of the University of Southern California, to the very edge of the monument.

Congress certainly had considerable foresight when in 1936 it set aside 838,258 acres, (1,310 square miles), of beautiful Desert country and named the area the Joshua Tree National Monument. It runs 66 miles east and west, with the most unusual and interesting formations and outcroppings on the western end—right within a stone's throw of Joshua Tree Townsite. What a spot to live near.

If you have never been to Joshua Tree or to Joshua Tree National Monument, an exciting and thrilling experience awaits you. If you have located in the immediate neighborhood of the Joshua Tree National Monument and have never visited it, plan a short trip from Joshua Tree up to the western section of the Park—to the Wonderland of Rocks area.

This trip will take you past Alta Vista; the Joshua Tree Highlands, a lovely plateau of natural beauty and charm at the 3500 ft. level; on past Quail Springs (4000 feet) to the entrance of the National Monument itself. All around you is the Wonderland of Rocks.

The National Park road, which leads further on to Keys View (5200 feet) is full of surprises on every hand. Curious rock formations pop up right and left. Joshua trees abound by the thousands with their weird, huge shapes. Many have stood there majestically for hundreds and hundreds of years.

The Park dirt road is good. Keep on it.

Hidden Valley, further to the right, is an adventure by itself. Go there only with a local guide. A spot hard to find, but full of historic lore, much geological information and weird tales of Indians and thieves.

To live at Joshua Tree with such beautiful nature of national renown at your back door, is indeed a rare treat.

J. H. Rice and family entertained old friends and former business associates from Placentia over the weekend. They were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wright and party.



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Sunday school at the same hour. Mrs. Milo T. Crane, Sr., in charge.

PARKWAY CHAPEL

Dr. C. D. Williamson will hold church services at 11:00 a.m. sharp Sunday morning at the Clubhouse.

YUCCA VALLEY SERVICE CLUB HAS CARD PARTY

A card party held at the La-Ferney ranch last Thursday, for the benefit of the Yucca Valley Service Club's new building, was highly successful from an entertainment and financial standpoint.

There were about 36 guests present from various parts of the valley and the evening was spent in card playing, music and dancing. Refreshments were served throughout the evening by the hostess.

About \$45.00 profit was realized from this benefit party.

CHURCH SERVICES WELL ATTENDED

The Sunday afternoon church services at the clubhouse last Sunday was attended by 25 adults with 8 children in the Sunday School.

Rev. Fagley of the Nazarene Church in 29 Palms conducted the services and will continue in the future.

Mrs. Milo T. Crane was in charge of the Sunday school.

WOMEN'S CLUB

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Five ladies of Twentynine Palms Woman's club were present. They were: President, Mrs. H. G. Sherman and Mrs. G. Frank, Mrs. C. Stall, Mrs. A. Culver, and Mrs. D. McGowan.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mesdames, F. Lehnbauer, G. Krumpke, H. Johnson and C. A. Peterson.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

(This column is open to all readers to express desires, comments or criticisms. All communications, however, must be signed with name and address. No attention will be given any anonymous letters.—Editor)

Hollywood, Calif.

Mr. Stewart Gear, Editor,
Joshua Tree, California.

Dear Friend:

Well, I am back home. Referring to my Latin of High School days, I can say—"I went—I saw—I bought."

My husband George (Bunny) Greaves and I were very glad we had the opportunity of meeting you and Mrs. Gear and shall look forward to the next time that you and Bunny can converse in Chinese.

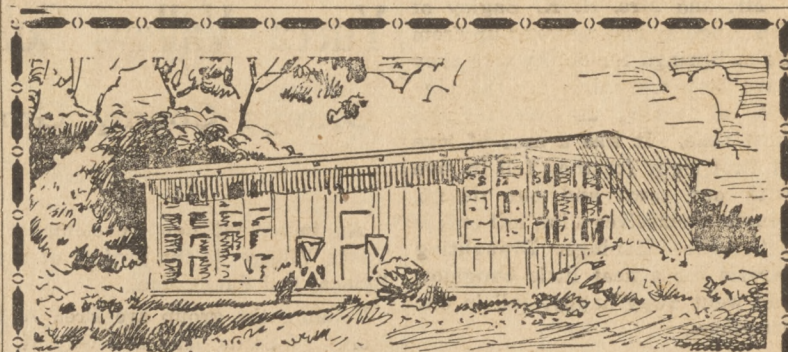
We were most favorably impressed with Joshua Tree and its grand community spirit. Yes—your little city is a beautiful place and I hope to write it up in a big way in the radio scripts of MOLLY MALONE AND SADIE COHEN. Publicity is the keynote of success.

You told me your clever little Journal was born in September—I have the following copies: Sept. 27th, Oct. 4th, Dec. 6th, 20th and 27th (when I subscribed). Would it be possible for you to mail me all of the remaining copies, starting from the first? I am making a Joshua Tree scrap-book and each copy contains many valuable items. Please mail me the bill.

In conclusion, I should appreciate a little space in your next LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE column in which Mr. Greaves and I wish to express our sincere thanks for the hearty welcome and kind hospitality accorded us this past week. We enjoyed Steve and his automobile, our delightful stay with Alice Powell Beckford, the glorious scenery of Joshua Tree National Monument and last, but far from least, the jolly surprise party at the Club House where we met so many of our grand future neighbors. We had a wonderful time in your midst.

Thanking you, I remain,

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BREEZING AROUND

By MAUDE A. FOX

Well, here we are, "breezing around" again. In the month we played "hookey" so many newcomers have arrived in Joshua Tree. My, my the way the place grows. Looking back two years ago we can remember seven lighted homes at night. There was just one child here then—Betty Lou Martin. Now plans are under way for a "little red school house" right here on the tract. Progress—progress, it is a great thing!

Fred Moninger came limping into his office one day last week. When we asked him about it he answered, "Kicked by Pistol." We wondered if he meant a "Pistol Packin' Mama," or a revolver gone out of control. But we were enlightened when he told us "Pistol" was the name of his young colt. What a clever name for that prancing little rascal. Must pack a tremendous wallop in one of his "kickers." Be careful Freddie how you handle, a "Pistol"—sometimes they will back fire!

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Thomas of Huntington Park were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox last Thursday afternoon. The Thomases were spending a week at Palm Springs so came over this way to see this desert area. They were much impressed with Joshua Tree, and plan to come back soon, and may invest here. Mr. Thomas is Frank Fox's cousin and just recently sold out a large jewelry business on Pacific Boulevard in Huntington Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hatcher of Long Beach spent the weekend here. They came prepared to stay several weeks as Mr. Hatcher planned to start his new home on his property here. But on learning the lumber and plumbing story they decided to wait for a couple of months. Jim said he brought along his two shovels—one for each hand—heat resistant too!

Mrs. Harry Lauer, daughter of Herman Otto has been spending the week with her husband here. Says she hates to go back to Sacramento after this sojourn here.

Mr. and Mrs. George R. Bloom had lots of company this last week. A sister-in-law, Mrs. Art Bloom of Long Beach spent most of the week here. It was a decided change and rest to get away from her large candy business in the beach city. Saturday her son Bob Bloom and wife drove up here to take her home. Accompanying them was Miss Hazel Stinger of Long Beach and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stinger of Nebraska. On Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hurd dropped in from Long Beach way.

The other morning Joshua Tree was aroused from its day dreaming when a huge load and trailer load of lumber made its appearance near the service station. Everyone rushed out of stores and people stopped their automobiles to look. Boy it smelled good—that nice fresh new lumber! While everyone was figuring how many two by fours he could buy or how much sheeting he could get, the darn truck turned around and went back the way it came. Later it was learned it was for the Mental-physics new building. Well, anyway, it was a thrill while it lasted!

When we view these outstanding

sunsets we envy Mr. H. Victor Law his marvelous ability to transfer the scene on paper by way of water colors. This water color artist who with his wife has been in our midst for the last few weeks, has painted some lovely scenes right here on the tract. We hope Mr. Law will be here when the wild flowers are in bloom. Not only the flowers but the flowering trees. Even the old Greasewood can doll up as if she were going to a party.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Harper came back to the desert Sunday afternoon. They plan to be here two weeks before Mrs. Harper has to go down for further treatments. The Harpers have been in the habit of counting cars from the entrance of Devils Gardens to Joshua Tree. When they first started doing this a year and a half ago it was seldom that a dozen cars passed them on the way. They finally reached the sum of twenty-five. Semed like a lot of cars. But this Sunday they counted one hundred and thirty-eight. Quite a jump up from twelve. No wonder the tract on Sundays looks as if a circus had come to town. And so we grow!

John Hawley was all smiles Saturday afternoon. His sailor son, Jack, had just stepped from the bus coming to Joshua Tree for a few days visit with his dad. Jack has just recently returned from the South Pacific where he went through quite an experience. No wonder John is proud of his fine looking son in his sailor blues.

News Photographer Visits

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Bradshaw of San Gabriel visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tootle over at Sun Valley. The Tootles are old friends of the Bradshaws.

SUCH IS LIFE

The wind she blow, the cabin shake;
It feel just like a real earthquake.
I light the fire, go back to bed;
'Til mountain show the sun all red.

The coffee perk, the bacon fry;
The eggs look up and say, "Hi hi."
The toast she brown, but butter — where?

I no can find it here nor there.

I cannot say just where she go;
Some hombre speak, "It's U.S.O."
My neighbor say, "A strike may-be;"
If that's the cause it's F.E.E.

Another one, "It's F.B.I.
That caused the butter she to fly."
I do not know — I cannot say,
But I just think it's O.P.A.

So toast I eat while she is hot;
She not so good — no hit the spot!

By Guy Ohlen at
"The Joshuas"
Yucca Valley

VISITOR FROM NEW YORK

Mrs. Frieda Wagner of Tujunga and friend, Mrs. Doris Bernstein, from New York, spent a week at the Desertaire Lodge. Mrs. Wagner was looking after property interests here as well as enjoying a week's vacation from her popular guest home in Tujunga. Mrs. Bernstein has been a periodic guest at Mrs. Wagner's place for a number of years and this is her first visit to the desert.

Mr. Bradshaw, a newsman, photographer, at present, with the newest desert paper, the Desert Barnacle, published at Mecca, Calif.

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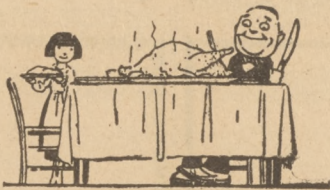
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Personality and Mental Hygiene

By DR. NORMAN C. COOPER, A.B., M.A., Ph.D.

PERSONALITY AND INTELLIGENCE CONT'D.

The Army Alpha test is more widely used than the Army Beta. While they are both what is called "paper and pencil tests" the former depends upon reading ability while the directions for the latter can be given through demonstration or in pantomime. There are eight sections to the Army Alpha test and each section has from 12 to 40 problems or questions to be worked or answered. The easiest question of the section comes first and the rest are progressively harder. All eight sections must be completed in 24 minutes. The highest score that can be made on the Army Alpha test is 212. Anywhere from 45 — 104 is average. Below that is poor. A score of 105 - 134 is good and scores above 135 are excellent. Most officers in the World War I scored above 105; men below officers rating averaged around 60. Army Alpha has eight sections—general information; same or opposite words; verbal analogy; a series of numbers to be completed according to pattern; common-sense judgments; 20 arithmetic problems; jumbled sentences which must be arranged so they will make sense; and following oral directions. Over one and a half million soldiers took the Army Alpha test during World War I.

The Army Beta test is for non-readers or illiterates, the hard of hearing or others handicapped in such a way that they could not successfully take the printed test. It was necessary for several thousand of the soldier boys in World War I to take the Army Beta test. This test consists of putting symbols where numbers are used; putting in omitted parts of pictures; working simple puzzles; completing a series of X's and O's so they will follow a hidden pattern; and running a simple maze by drawing a line through the correct alleys; ascertaining the number of blocks in a pile of blocks before them; and noticing the difference or similarities in systems of figures.

The Army Alpha and Army Beta tests were good for World War I and helped place army recruits in satisfactory or unsatisfactory groups.

Also it helped psychologists in establishing norms whereby the public in general could be judged and their level of general intelligence ascertained. But in World War II these tests were discarded as new and better ones had taken their place. In World War II there were two kinds of tests used — General Classification tests which revealed general ability and Special Aptitude tests which revealed special ability or abilities. These tests aided materially in placing the recruits in positions where each could be of the greatest amount of service and yet be suited to and happy in his work, as happy as a person could be of course under war conditions.

Intelligence is supposed to be inherited with the environment of the individual having very little or no effect upon it. However education, the home, one's occupation, social status, economic status and a cultural situation all contribute to make one's intelligence more pronounced.

Morongo Valley Shell Service Station Changes Hands

Mr. Harvey Steffensen, owner of the Morongo Valley Service Station announces that he has leased his station to Sam A. Hoffman of Yucca Valley. Sam is well-known in Joshua Tree, Yucca Valley and Morongo. He is a veteran of World War II and a member of Yucca Valley American Legion Post. He is married and has a daughter, Nancy, who attends Twentynine Palms High School.

Before moving to Yucca Valley last June, Mr. Hoffman owned and

Know Your Neighbor

By ALICE POWELL BECKFORD

Alva Nyle Gray, better known to most of us as "Larry", is the newest member of the Land Company organization where he will serve in the capacity of assistant to Charles A. Mitchell, the Tract Manager. Larry has been coming out to the desert on every weekend and vacation for the past ten years and knows every foot of this section of this country as he has hiked over it all hunting game and searching for gold and rocks. Everything pertaining to the desert interests him. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa, and graduated from Drake University there. He studied Tool Designing and Draughting. About 15 years ago he left Des Moines for California and was connected with Barker Brothers, Los Angeles, in their shipping department. He left Barker Brothers and went to work for Douglas Aircraft where he stayed for five years.

Larry is living in one of the Overba cabins in the very setting he enjoys. His hobby is music and he is most generous in giving of his time to entertain guests at the Club House. You name the piece and he can play it. Needless to say, the guests can keep him busy. Believe he and his partner Carl Coffin can be hired to play for dances. They make a good team; Larry at the Piano and Carl (Zeke) with his guitar.

operated a Super Station and garage in Alhambra, Calif. He is an experienced lube and grease man and will specialize in lubrication as well as carrying a complete line of automotive parts and accessories and he will do emergency service work.

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DR. GUSTAV W. HAAS

Dr. Gustav W. Haas spent the week-end with us and enjoyed Sunday dinner with the Wrights. Dr. Haas is well-known in Joshua Tree having written many books on the desert, one of which is "The Desert and Health," and frequented our town many times by his presence.

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Morongo Valley

Fred K. Stevens of Fresno, Calif. left for that city Wednesday to the Southern Pacific Railroad, after resume his duties as conductor on a two weeks vacation with his wife ens hopes to become a permanent at the Morongo Inn. Mrs. Stevens resident of Morongo Valley as it is very beneficial for her health. Returning from Fresno alone in her car after Xmas, Mrs. Stevens was caught in some bad storms, washed off the road and had a number of narrow escapes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Steffensen celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary at their Morongo Home Friday evening, Jan. 18th. Their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hughes, who were married with them in a double ceremony, arrived here Friday evening with their two children to help celebrate. They have all four been together every wedding anniversary since Jan. 18, 1926. The two Steffensen sons, Robert and Richard, were home for the occasion. Richard has finished his college work in the Army and hopes to get into pharmacy, upon his return to Fort MacArthur. He was home on a 14 day leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grimes of the Morongo Market are enjoying a visit from their son, Myron, and wife, who came from Santa Monica with their nice trailer house. They plan to leave for various places in Arizona, in search of a suitable location.

Mrs. H. M. Hess was surprised when her nephew, Jack Gummerston of Rupert, Idaho, dropped in for a call Friday. His parents and brother are expected here in a few days.

Mrs. Maud Sherman, who resides in Big Morongo, has been ill for some time caused from the Flu and Shock from the Beckley tragedy. Beckley shot and killed himself and burned Mrs. Sherman's cabin. Mrs. Dorothy Ballard has been caring for her.

Mr. George M. Kountz left Wednesday for Mexico City, after a short visit here with his sister, Mrs. Bernard Arnold and family. Mr. Kountz is vice-president of the Wells-Fargo Company in Mexico City. He and his family spent Xmas here at the Arnold home.

Mr. George Stingle of Garvey, Calif., is here in his trailer house, preparing to build a home, so that Mrs. Stingle can move out.

Mr. Willard Barnard of Los Angeles has leased the James Freeman Morongo home for one year. He plans to move out this week and build a home on his 20 acre tract adjoining Jack MacKenzie's home on the east. He also purchased a business lot and a residence lot through H. M. Hess, Realtor.

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Yucca Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Myers of McIntosh, South Dakota, were recent visitors in the Sam Hoffman home. Mr. and Mrs. Myers are spending a few weeks at Desert Hot Springs before returning to winter where they own several Los Angeles for the balance of the bungalow courts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira L. Benton of Los Angeles arrived last Monday for a week at their home, Zephyr Lodge. Their son, Marvin, came Thursday for a short stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Thompson of South Gate, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Benton have bought a 5-acre tract from John L. Redden near her parents and plan to build a house sometime this spring. Mr. Thompson is in the mechanical department of the Los Angeles Street railway.

John L. Redden of Redlands arrived Monday of this week with members of the E. L. Myers Surveying firm of Redlands. They will survey the acreage recently purchased by H. O. Smuckal of Desert Hot Springs.

Visitors in the valley over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Marquadt, their daughter and son, Douglas of Los Angeles, H. O. Smuckal, J. A. Bagwell and Mrs. Jennie Gustafson of Desert Hot Springs.



JUST THINKING

By THE PACK RAT

You know, I feel sorry for those poor individuals, who just can't find anything of interest here on the desert, but boredom.

Most of the cause is plain self pity and laziness. There is more of interest here on the desert to amuse and interest than most places on this globe. I'll wager I can take any of these poor bored souls on a 15 minute walk in any direction and ask that person 1000 questions they can't answer about interesting things around us, and if they will try to find the answers, they will find their search most interesting, and will have no room for boredom for months to come.

Most of these people are afraid to be alone with themselves, are mentally lazy, and need the crutch of bright lights, frivolous inconsequential amusement, or the shallow glamour of the crowd to hold them up.

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Plants That Grow on The Desert

By MAUDE A. FOX

Most everyone has read "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn." It might be interesting to learn something about that tree. It is called The Tree of Heaven, (Ailanthus). The seed came to California through Chinese who came here in 1848 when gold was discovered. They settled around Placerville and all around that vicinity hundreds of these trees are now growing. In fact they are growing close to the marker where the first gold was taken out. We saw many of them there. All over the hills of that beautiful green country are seen the Tree of Heaven in singles or groups with their panicles of yellowish green flowers.

How they ever got to Brooklyn is of course another story. However, they thrive in Chicago and grow to be large trees in the course of three years time in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Probably grow in many other states. The tree really typifies what Betty Smith brought out in her story—its endeavor for survival. You can step on it, crush it down but somehow it manages to live.

How would you like to have "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn" in your back yard in Joshua Tree? If it can live through the severe winter and winds of Cheyenne, Wyoming, it should think Joshua Tree a Paradise. These trees are raised readily from seed. Care should be taken of the small seedlings during cold weather. After the first Spring they do not care how cold it gets.

Besides a shade tree, they can be used as hedges—believe it or not. Just give them a hair cut the first year and they will form a nice hedge along a fence line. There is no reason why the tree will not grow in this sandy soil, if it will grow in a tin can alley in Brooklyn! Get some seeds and try it.

HIGH SCHOOL HEP - TALK

By TEEN-AGER

Back busting antics and sight for sore eye pictures can be seen taken any time of day at our Hi these days, as every one is annual conscious. One picture which we are especially anxious to see is Kay Lutz' head protruding out of the top of Lois' car with a strange pair of gunboats (Flickenger feet) coming out of a window! You're only young once.

School spirit was busting out all over until Friday. Grammar school played our sophomores and freshmen a rousing game of baseball, and guess who left cheering! That's right — Grammar school. "Hi" was beaten sadly.

Tan and Green were chosen for Sophomore class colors after a long, long session. And we're glad we pleased Herbie who states the colors are appropriate 4 for the desert. Why Natch!

Mrs. Sherman of the Woman's Club announced Monday that our senior class will have the privilege of a scholarship to UCLA. All expenses paid. So come on Seniors, dig in and let's see who is the lucky one.

GUESTS AT MIRAMONTE COURTS

Mrs. Wallace Kincaid and Mrs. George Hendra of Downey. They say they like the desert.

Mrs. Annie Russell of Glendale. Mrs. Russell bought property while here and intends to build later.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Drysdale of Inglewood. The Drysdales were among the first people to buy property in Joshua Tree and plan to build soon.

DESERTAIR LODGE GUESTS

Mrs. R. E. Becht of Redondo Beach, here for one month.

Dr. Emma Clausen and daughter, Mrs. Bertha Annon, and Greta Annon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jurling of Los Angeles. Mr. Jurling is assistant engineer of the Byron Jackson Company of that city.

Mrs. Hulda Heden of Los Angeles.

YUCCA PROJECT

(Continued from page one) school as well as providing landing facilities for flying enthusiasts in the coast cities, who would like to spend weekends and vacations on the desert. Lt. Tanner feels that as private flying gains impetus city fans will be eager to come to the desert where they can usually get in more hours of flying because of climatic conditions than at any other spot on the coast.

Yucca Village will be unique in that all the streets are going to have Indian names.

Survey parties are now working on the track and the California Realty Board inspectors together with the San Bernardino County Planning Commission were out last week to inspect the project.

Messrs. Storey and Richards were very enthusiastic about the future for all of this valley. They believe that the movement of city folks from the city to the desert will continue at an accelerated pace as time moves on, and that it will only be a few years until the entire desert-site from Morongo to 29 Palms will be heavily settled with homes, cabins and motel accommodations, also that this section will be the mecca for thousands of tourists and health seekers. They also believe the planned townsites of Morongo Valley, Yucca Village and Joshua Tree will offer many opportunities for business development as trade centers.

IN SCHOOL

Paul Horstman has enrolled in the 29 Palms High School and was seen boarding the bus Monday morning with the set of the growing Joshua Tree contingent of school children.

NOTICE MORONGOITES

A public meeting is called for 7:30 o'clock tonight, Friday, January 25th, at the Morongo Inn. Every man and woman interested in seeing our valley go ahead should be there. Our park and other important issues will be discussed. Free refreshments. Don't fail to come.

John Stokes last week installed a new pump and engine on his well, recently completed and is now using his own water well.

Other visitors from Desert Hot Springs were Bill Beasley and N. O. Moore.

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